

PROJECT NAME: Spanish Fork River Enhancement, Wetland Creation, and Trail Project

RECIPIENT: Spanish Fork City

LOCATION: Spanish Fork, UT

PURPOSE: The Spanish Fork River Enhancement, Wetland Creation and Trail Project constitutes a proactive approach to flood prevention and open space preservation. The proposed project area is prone to flooding, especially when there is a quick spring runoff from the nearby mountains. The potential damage to nearby homes and agricultural farmland that would result from a flood would be devastating. The proposed buffer zone would alleviate much of this burden by improving the stability of the river channel and limiting the risk of flooding. The wetland created by this project would also improve water quality, supply water for recharge, provide habitat for wildlife and vegetation, and minimize erosion. This project would also create an interpretive trail system through the wetland that would help the public identify wildlife and vegetation in the area and emphasize the importance of preserving them.

This project would enhance the Spanish Fork River corridor by creating and preserving a wildlife habitat. The project will also preserve a river corridor buffer to reduce the chance of flooding, create a wetland for storm drainage runoff, and construct a trail for river maintenance and recreational opportunities. This project is designed to improve the safety of the area as well as enhance the environmental, aesthetic and recreational opportunities for all area residents.

In order to preserve vital habitat and open space as well as better manage for potential floods, funds for this project would be used to improve and stabilize the Spanish Fork River corridor and create a conservation buffer zone of undeveloped environmental wetlands and agricultural area. The funds will free up other funds that would enable the City to purchase land and easements for access along the river for maintenance and preservation of the Spanish Fork River and construct an access (trail) along the river corridor.

This project is an excellent blend of urban planning, open space preservation, conservation, habitat protection, recreation, and flood prevention.

AMOUNT: \$1,000,000